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\$25 Given For Salvage Suggestion

For suggesting a complete method of furnishing accurate records on all returned clothing and equipment for salvage classification, Miss Louise Beverly, Supply Division this week was awarded \$25 by Colonel Duggins, the largest award ever paid to a McGuire employee under the suggestion program.

The new method, according to Lt. James T. Remney, salvage, clothing and equipage officer, will mean a saving of \$400 per year in the time of three employees who will be able to devote their attention to other important duties.

"The plan has worked in excellent fashion here," Lt. Remley declared, "and I hope it's instituted everywhere."

Miss Beverly's suggestion has been forwarded to Third Service Command for consideration. If adopted there, it will become procedure on other posts, and she will be eligible for further award.

In a brief ceremony in the supply office Saturday, Colonel Duggins presented Miss Beverly with her check, and urged other employees to follow her lead in putting good ideas to use for the hospital.

Miss Beverly's plan has been described by a service command representative as the finest plan he has yet seen for keeping salvage records.

A three day pass was awarded to Pfc. Barney Belkin this week for devising a plan to facilitate distribution of enlisted men's laundry.

Chicken Dinner

A chicken dinner for 25 McGuire patients will be held next Wednesday evening by the Colonial Dames of Richmond. Hostesses will be present for an after-dinner social.

Patients wishing to attend should sign up at the Red Cross information desk. Transportation will be provided.

Laundry Workers Go All Out For Bond Pay Reservations

Louise A. Moss, war bond committee member for the laundry, plunged into the Seventh War Loan with a zest.

In the space of one hour, Miss Moss obtained ten increases in Class A Pay Reservations from laundry employees, and chalked up one new allotment to bring laundry participation in payroll savings up to 100 percent.

Patients to Tour Williamsburg Shrine

Weekly tours of the Williamsburg Restoration will begin for patients next Tuesday, it was announced today by Lt. David M. Tiezen, educational reconditioning officer.

Williamsburg was Virginia's Revolutionary War capital, restored to an exact replica of its appearance in the 18th century.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller are donating admission charges for patients. Tours will gather at 8 a.m. in the Red Cross for the showing of the movie, "I Am Williamsburg." At 8:30, parties will depart. The hospital will provide box lunches for patients on tour.



LOUISE BEVERLY receives her \$25 suggestion award from Colonel Duggins.

USO Fun Convoy Promises Variety, Song Saturday

A new USO-Camp Shows variety hit, "Swingtime Follies," fashioned to amuse, amaze and delight McGuire patients and personnel, will be on hand in the Red Cross auditorium Saturday at 7 p.m. The troupe will tour wards for bed patients Monday afternoon.

A dozen outstanding professional entertainers in the revue promise everything from juggling to comedy, from magic to puppets, from swing to acro-dancing.

Master of ceremonies Ben McAtee offers versatility with comedy songs and dance, as well as satire colored with a Mobile, Alabama, drawl.

Acrobatic and tap dancing are the stock-in-trade of the Miller Sisters, two beauteous blondes who have delighted GI audiences clear to Alaska, the Aleutians and Canada.

A musician practically all his life, Sully Muccillo plays the accordion and swings it on the trumpet.

Juggler of balls, clubs, and canes, Harry Bardell has been defying the laws of gravity for the past 33 years. Earlier in his career, he toured the country on the Orpheum and Keith vaudeville circuits.

Adding further to the gaiety will be Ginger Harmon, singer, Tony Marks, magician, and Gerald Bragin, pianist.

Particular praise for every laundry employee was voiced by Lt. Velma R. White, war bond officer, who pointed out that many laundry workers are paid as low as 36 cents per hour, or \$18.72 per week including overtime.

"The laundry has set a mark in sacrifice for the entire post to equal," Lt. White declared. "I fully expect that laundry employees will go on to raise their present allotment purchases from 10.3 percent to 12 percent. If they can do it, other employees are certainly able to bring our pay reservation quota way over the top."

The local drive to raise \$110,000 in cash before June 30 was officially opened at a breakfast of all committee members Monday morning.

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Outdoor Swim Pool, 4 Ball Fields Okayed

Plans for a modern outdoor swimming pool at McGuire, three softball diamonds and a baseball diamond have been okayed for early construction, Colonel Duggins announced today, while building activity moved into its peak month in McGuire's \$900,000 expansion program.

The pool, to be located in the open area adjacent to Building 303, subject to approval by the Surgeon General, will measure 50 by 100 feet, and will be furnished with showers and dressing rooms for men and women.

Baseball and softball diamonds will be located—also subject to approval—opposite the buildings currently used as enlisted men's barracks and will extend roughly from the fire house to the gate on Hopkins Road. In addition to the diamonds, plans call for laying out of tennis courts, as well as badminton, volleyball and outdoor basketball courts near the swimming pool.

McGuire's growth to a 2565-bed hospital already has been creating daily changes in appearance of the grounds, as new buildings spring up, augmenting the original \$8,000,000 construction.

At a striking clip, work on rows of WAC barracks close to the

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Soldiers Invited To Outdoor Treats

Two novel outdoor treats have been offered McGuire patients and detachment personnel for next Sunday afternoon.

Deep Run Hunt Club has extended the welcome hand to all men in uniform for their annual hunter trials on the club grounds. Seats will be provided free of charge for patients attending the horse show. Transportation will be provided those signing up at the Red Cross by noon Saturday.

Fishing, hostesses and refreshments are the highlights of an outing planned by Mrs. Robert Jeffress for soldiers on "Meadowbrook Manor" in Chesterfield County. The outdoor party will run from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Sign up at the Red Cross for transportation.

Marketing Course Open to Patients

A two-weeks long series of classes in marketing will get under way here for patients Tuesday, April 17, sponsored by the Richmond Section of the Virginia Department of Education.

Next Wednesday morning's reconditioning period will be devoted to a dramatization of the phases of marketing to be included in the course.

On April 17, classes, which may be chosen as a regular afternoon reconditioning activity, will begin on such topics as display, business arithmetic, advertising and retailing. For the opening class in display, counters and model display pieces will be on hand for demonstration. Advertising manager of a large local department store will speak and answer patients' queries.



ALL KINDS OF WAYS for a man to keep his hat on his head in an April breeze. Two workers busy in the construction of new barracks for enlisted personnel have found a way that tops everything—including themselves.

Job Bull Sessions Focus On New Fields for Veterans

By CPL. BERNARD ASBEL

We're a lot of people in this army—we're statesmen and shoe clerks, we're playboys and tramps, we're learned and simple.

The tops and bottoms are in this army together. But most of us are from the middle, folks who woke up by the alarm clock, who worked pretty hard, though we weren't out to kill ourselves; most of us hoped to get ahead, but we didn't know how.

Most of us expect to do better after the war; many plan to start from scratch, take an entirely new tack. And many of us don't know which way to swing the sail.

It's that uncertainty that moved Sgt. Joseph Blackburn to initiate a series of programs, completely new in reorientation methods, to help returning veterans find which way the civilian employment wind is blowing. The series is called "What's Your Job?" and is conducted Thursday mornings during time turned over by Reconditioning Service. It is a project of Classification and Counseling Section, of which Lt. Robert T. Morrison is chief.

SHOULD PLAN NOW

Blackburn's plan is to head off the usual plight of a man discharged before he knows for sure his next move. The time for a soldier to size up his civilian future, and decide his course is now while he's still in the army, Blackburn believes.

That's where these job sessions come in. Blackburn plans to introduce patients to big and little

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Carnival Dances Boost Bond Drive

Two gala war bond carnival dances for McGuire civilian employees and their guests will be held Friday and Saturday nights, both at 8 p.m. in the gym.

Friday night's dance is under the chairmanship of Messrs. Albert Archer and Daniel Peytron and Mrs. Grace Williams. Directing the Saturday affair are Mrs. Grace Mulvey, Mrs. Eleanor Huttig and Miss Adice Murphy. Herb Mack of Special Services supervised the planning of both affairs.

In addition to dancing rhythms furnished by the McGuire Band, the parties will offer bingo, bowling, "horse racing," raffles and fortune telling. Purchases of stamps and bonds will take place of fees for games.

The Richmond Ashland bus line will furnish special buses at 7:45 from 9th and Broad Streets both nights, while return buses will run at 11:45 from the gym.

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The Democratic Bull

By PFC. JOE KUCINSKI
Patient, Ward 11

I've run into a lot of people who believe that all Germans are Nazis. But I actually found one German that wasn't, and he made no bones about it.

He hated the Germans with a passion, and would prance about and bellow whenever one of them came in sight. At first we thought it was just an act like a lot of Germans put on for us.

"Nazis?" they would cry, shocked at the thought. "Not us! We hate the Nazis."

A lot of my buddies said I was crazy. "They're all alike," they argued. "Don't trust any of them." But I still had a feeling that this one was all right. It had to be only a feeling because I couldn't ask him point blank. You see, this German couldn't speak. He was a bull.

When we took that little village some three and a half miles inside of Germany, I found him guarding his little herd of cows. For an outfit as hungry as mine those cows were sure a welcome sight. Plenty of fresh milk and steak—what a picnic! And that bull never bothered us as we milked the cows or led one of them away for butchering. At first we thought he must be a nice, quiet old bull, but that night we found out different.

Some Jerries were still hiding in the hills and tried to sneak in and grab off one of the cows. When he caught sight of him, he started to bellow and chased them clear out of the field. They tried several more attempts that night, but the bull was too much of a match for them. The next night they tried surrounding him, but he couldn't be outsmarted.

"I tell you that bull likes Americans," I kept telling my buddies. "He's a Nazi hater if I ever saw one."

But my buddies couldn't be sold. "Sure, he's on our side because we're on top. But if those Jerries were head guys around here, he'd be like all the rest—probably tear us to pieces with his horns."

Well, before many more days had passed, we found out who was right. The Jerries launched a terrific counter-attack and drove us clear out of that town. And just as I was pulling out, I happened to look behind and saw my friend, the bull. There he stood, first looking in our direction and then toward the oncoming Jerries.

Suddenly, he threw up his head and bellowed ferociously, and charged the Jerries. Well, he never reached his objective, because Jerry fire cut him down. But as I retreated out of that village with my outfit, I knew that I had been right.

That bull had known that there was a difference between a Nazi and an American. But he had been living peacefully on that farm for a long time. So I guess, like a lot of people right here in America, it took him a long time, too, to find it out.

McGuire Scroll of HONOR

The following McGuire civilian employees this week completed one year of consecutive service.

Robert E. Davis, Bessie A. Patron, Eva G. Smith, and Madelyn L. Williams, Mess and Dietetics; McKinley L. Hubbard and Miles M. Jackson, Supply; Joe J. Barnes and Susie B. Woodcock, Post Engineer; Ruby W. Burks, Lillian A. Gregory, Florida W. Henderson, and Elizabeth G. Martin, Telephone Operators; Elmer F. Cason, Willie A. Dyson, Arthur M. Smith and John H. Tolker, Guards; Majorie E. Walker, Military Personnel; Dave W. Williams, Police and Personnel; Virginia I. Wright, War Bond Office; Ruth B. Cohen, Special Services; Lucille W. Harper, Dental Clinic; Eleanor W. Huttig, A & D Office; Emma F. Mee, Dental Clinic.

Chapel Schedule

PROTESTANT

Sunday Service.....9:30 a.m.

Lenten Service.....Wed., 6:30 p.m.

CATHOLIC

Sunday Mass.....8:30, 10:30 a.m.

JEWISH

Friday Services.....6:45 p.m.

Library Notes

(Once again reader has turned reviewer and Library Notes welcomes Lt. Col. Joseph R. Couch, patient, Ward 17, as guest columnist. Lt. Col. Couch has chosen two of the more recent publications, which have already become popular among McGuire readers.)

RANGER MOSBY By Virgil Carrington Jones

Eighty years have passed since the conflict ended, yet there seems to be no end to the colorful and exciting stories of the War between the States.

Ranger Mosby is the record of the exploits of Mosby and his band of guerrillas—the most famous of all guerrilla bands in the Confederate army. It is an historical biography that has all the dash, color, and action of a Zane Grey novel.

Operating in the manner of present day commandos Mosby and his men harassed bivouacs, camps, and supply trains of the Union army throughout four years of the war. So effective were his swift raids that no supplies could move unguarded, and the area in Northern Virginia where he operated was called "Mosby's Confederacy".

The importance of Mosby's partisan band grew until it was highly regarded by Lee and his generals. In the final months of the war, General Phil Sheridan was so effectively harassed in the Shenandoah Valley that Grant's plans were upset and the life of the Confederacy was prolonged several months.

Action, drama, and history are present in this book in sufficient quantities to interest the most critical of readers.

TRY AND STOP ME by Bennett Cerf

This book is pure entertainment from cover to cover. It contains no "inside dope", no startling facts, nor does it attempt to drive home a moral. Within its pages the reader will find almost any joke on or by any famous person that he has ever heard.

Mr. Cerf has evidently been friendly with a large percentage of modern celebrities. Gags by such people as Jimmy Durante, Alex Woolcott, the Marx Brothers, and W. C. Fields fill a great number of pages. "Shaggy Dog" stories, funny incidents from history, and jokes about the war are also present in great numbers. One is inclined to doubt that the author had so many friends among the great and near great, but this does not detract from the pleasure he will derive from reading the book.

Try this volume for those "hospital blues" or when you feel the need of entertainment. There is humor in it to fit any taste.



FIVE TELEPHONE OPERATORS celebrate their first anniversary of "number pleasing" at McGuire at a party in the telephone office Monday. Left to right, Colonel Duggins, Mrs. Ruby Burks, Lt. Col. William H. L. Westbrook, Jr., executive officer, Mrs. Bernice Bryant, CWO L. E. Roffman, adjutant, Miss Warren Henderson, Sgt. Pete Anania, Miss Mamie Bolton, chief operator, blowing the candle out, and Mrs. Lillian Gregory.

Job Bull Sessions for Veterans

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men from an endless variety of professions and industries — men who know their job, who can dish out the straight dope, and answer questions thoroughly enough to give a patient the lowdown. Patients will be informed of the headaches and heartaches, the advantages, pay scales, qualifications, training needed, etc., not from dull pamphlets or movie reels, but from men who are ready to answer questions, to tell the sidelights, to actually demonstrate.

Already three classes in the series have been held with enthusiastic response from patients attending.

BAND MEMBERS SPEAK

First of these was on the music field. Specialists were local boys—McGuire's own band, a group of men who have learned the ropes. Members of the band explained how they got their starts, talked about their own instruments, and a newcomer's chances of cracking the business. Even would-be-not musicians found fun in learning such things as what makes a big band tick. Of course, the program wouldn't have been complete without a musical demonstration—the program was complete.

The following Thursday, the job focus shifted to the barbering and beauty profession. Guest was the manager of the Richmond Hotel's barber shop. To illustrate what he was talking about, he escorted Pvt. "Shorty" Selkow, patient, into a barber chair brought in for the occasion, cut his hair and answered queries in the process. After the program, half a dozen patients peppered him heavily with serious questions of a new fellow's opportunities in the field. Also on the program was the PX beauty shop manager who discussed a man's place in his profession.

BROADCAST HELD

First in a series on radio followed. Highlighted by an actual broadcast from the Red Cross auditor-

ium of H. B. Kenny's noon news comment on WRVA, the hour featured songs by Kitty Breeze, WRVA thrush, a talk by Leonard Whitehorn, engineer, who transcribed songs by patients and played them back, and a discussion of the radio field by Sgt. Barry Scheetman, McGuire public relations staff, who is a radio announcer.

Second in the radio series is scheduled for next Thursday when Irvin Abeloff, general manager of WRVA will discuss with patients management of radio and demonstrate sound effects. On April 19, a DuPont representative will explain the ins and outs of chemistry and plastics. Samples and equipment will be brought from DuPont's main plant in Wilmington for the program.

Other programs planned, which cover a broad and imaginative field, include, police, firefighting, retailing, hamburger short order cooks, metals, civil service, aeronautics, tobacco, transportation, entertainment, bartending, newspapers, automobiles, farming and flower nurseries.

Bars and Stripes

To Major

Capt. Seymour A. Miller

To Captain

1st Lt. Katherine Ball

1st Lt. Irene W. Caulfield

To First Lieutenant

2nd Lt. Robert D. Henry

2nd Lt. Sarah L. Henerie

2nd Lt. Helen E. Jacobs

2nd Lt. Alice E. Klindienst

2nd Lt. Sarah Moore

2nd Lt. Hattie G. Siron

2nd Lt. Margaret W. Tara

To Private First Class

Pvt. Dallas E. Church

Pvt. Carl A. Cupido

Pvt. Delmar L. Dayton

Pvt. Alex A. Kubicek

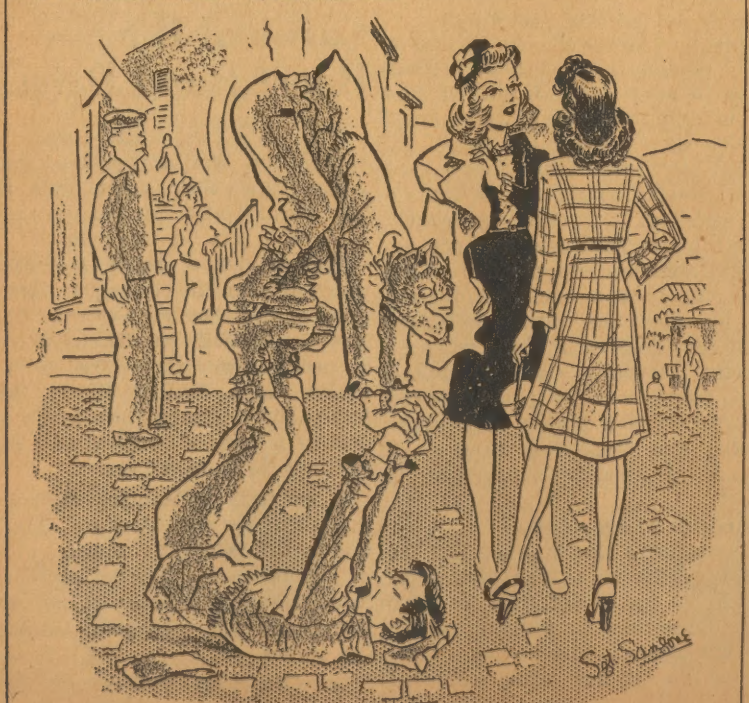
Pvt. Charles A. Smith

Pvt. James E. Wilson

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"There must be an easier way to get their attention!"



G.I. SHAVINGS
BY
Pvt. Joe Q. McGuire

Gather around fellows for the big day is near at hand. No, not V-E day, something even bigger. For a long time you've been hearing a lot about her charms, but now comes the opportunity of meeting her. Bill Cronin's "Butch" is coming to see him. Latest reports have it that the Richmond City Council is holding a special session to arrange the welcome.

Another reason why one should be in proper uniform upon enter-

ing the mess hall—you never know when your picture is going to be taken!

Is there any truth in the story that Pfc. Johnny Paltrinieri is the 1385th's latest happy bridegroom? Easter Sunday is supposed to have been the day.

Once found a little kitten
And named him Jim.
Now we have six—
Her wasn't a him.

Sick Call

Overheard from a patient:
A GI with acute stomach disorders resulting from overseas duty was upbraided by an official medical officer for bothering him. The latter, a major, loudly told him to take some bicarb and forget about it, then said: "Look, soldier, in civilian life would you have come to me for a thing like this?"
"No, sir," replied the GI, "I would have sent for you."

Shrubbery Project Financed by WD

McGuire's landscaping project is being financed entirely by the War Department, which specified locations, quantities and species of the 2,443 shrubs authorized, it was revealed today by Major Walter B. Belitz, Jr., post engineer.
No shade trees were authorized in the directive, he disclosed in answer to queries by post personnel and interested organizations who wished to offer suggestions for revision of the plan which it appears they believed originated here. Dogwood and redbud are the largest plants appearing in the landscape design.
That the War Department has sponsored the current project, however, was seen as no obstacle to plans of several local organizations to donate shade trees and other plants to the hospital.

Art Contest Entries Baltimore Bound

Works entered by five McGuire patients and duty soldiers in the National Army Arts Contest will be forwarded to Baltimore on April 11 for preliminary service command judging, it was learned from Sgt. Edward T. Paier, post artist, in charge of the local competition.
Winner in each of eight classes of art in the Baltimore judging will receive a \$50 war bond, an award certificate, and a blue ribbon. First and second honorable mention winners will be recipients of blue ribbons. Prize winners will be announced April 21.

Laundry All Out for Bonds

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ing. Colonel Duggins expressed his confidence at the meeting that all members will go all out to make the drive as much a success as were the recent infantile paralysis and Red Cross drives here.
McGuire's \$10,000 cash quota is broken down to \$65,000 expected in cash purchases by civilians, and \$45,000 in cash from military personnel included patients. In addition, civilians are called upon to pledge \$40,000 in Class A Pay Reservations.
Personnel will be canvassed by members of the war bond commit-



ONE OF 11 LAUNDRY WORKERS who this week raised their Class A Pay Reservations to jump the gun on the Seventh War Loan, Miss Thelma Jackson signs up with a smile, while Louise Moss (right), war bond committee member for the laundry, and others who increased their allotments look on.

Educational Reconditioning Offers Learning at Leisure

A university, a high school, an elementary school, a movie theater and a super-hobby shop—all rolled into one, and preparing to serve over 2500 patients—is perhaps the most thorough description of McGuire's vast educational reconditioning program.

For the educational reconditioning section, operating with a small staff under the direction of Lt. David M. Tieszen, has stirred up a barracks bag full of patient activities comparable to those offered at all the aforementioned institutions.

Service Command Hails McGuire Polio Response

Major General Philip Hayes, Commanding General, Third Service Command, this week commended McGuire personnel for their "outstanding contribution in the fight against the scourge of infantile paralysis." McGuirites raised a fund of \$1,055.73 in the recent drive, placing the hospital fourteenth among 105 service command installations contributing.
With 13 of service command's largest installations preceding McGuire in the list of contributors issued this week, McGuire ranks far ahead of other general hospitals and higher than installations with considerably greater personnel.
McGuirites will recall the one-man anti-polio "campaign of Sgt. Clarence Hutchinson, patient, who personally collected over \$700, and the barricade of Times Square by patients who allowed no one to pass without first making a contribution. Special jam sessions by the McGuire band and collection boxes placed in strategic points in the hospital furthered the drive's success.

Richmond Opens Homes

Open house in the homes of hospitable Richmonders has been declared by the USO-Jewish Welfare Board for McGuire soldiers every Wednesday evening.
Patients and personnel wishing to "visit a home away from home" may meet in the Red Cross auditorium at 7 p.m. from which transportation will be provided. House parties will feature refreshments and hostesses.

MORNING SESSIONS

All ambulatory patients each morning attend sessions in the Red Cross auditorium to take part in a varied schedule including variety entertainment programs, films such as GI movies, Combat Bulletins, and orientation features, as well as talks and demonstrations of job opportunities. A morning feature fast growing in popularity is Tuesday's and Friday's discussion groups. Topics so far dragged over the coals in heated debate are manpower, problems of unconditional surrender, occupation of Europe, post-war France and other issues facing a people planning victory and a durable peace.

The real free-for-all in profitable or entertaining activity comes with the afternoon's selective training groups when patients may choose activities from an extensive list available. Classes already operating include a variety of handicrafts, directed by Red Cross Arts and Skills instructors, typing, book-keeping, dancing for beginners, soldier shows, movie projection, gardening, basic radio, retail selling, sports and games for those with a heavy leaning toward physical activities, and USAFI study classes to name only part of the breathtaking list.

FINDS OWN ACTIVITY

Of course not every one is satisfied. There is always a well meaning Joe with a hankering for something new. For example the fellow who wanted to learn fingerprinting. But he was taken care of, too. Every day now he visits Richmond's safety bureau fingerprinting department to observe and learn the ropes.

Several patients have obtained jobs under the employment reconditioning program recently described in a BANNER story. They work in private businesses at their old trades or in apprenticeships, at standard rates of pay.

A class in music listening to take up popular numbers, classics, and the field in between will begin next Monday and take place every day at 3 p.m. under the direction of Pvt. Carol Weissbuch. Twelve of Red Cross' box seats in the Mosque will be reserved for patients attending the class.

NOVEL TOURS PLANNED

Tours, while still in the planning stage, promise novel experiences for patients. Beginning April 10 and on every Thursday thereafter about 30 patients will tour the Williamsburg Restoration. Admissions will be paid by Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller.

Other trips are planned for Yorktown battleground, Mariners' Museum in Newport News, Jamestown Island and frequent visits to points in Richmond.

Seven 16 mm. projection machines have been made available for ward movies, and are operated by patients who attended the projectionists' classes. Portable phonographs have served as aids in teaching on wards of radio code and languages to interested patients. Many of the selective activities for which classes



WHERE ONLY GRASS STOOD a few days ago, new barracks for McGuire's WAC Detachment take shape at a rapid pace (top). Taking a ten minute break just one year early (bottom), Pvt. Carmine Policastro anticipates the shade of a fast-growing dogwood, recently planted in McGuire's landscaping project.

Swimming Pool, 4 Ball Fields OKd For Construction

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nurses quarters has raced against the April 15 deadline for occupancy.

May 15 has been predicted as occupancy date for men's barracks, while completion of the orthopedic appliance building is expected even earlier.

Detachment members have vacated a group of barracks to make way for work already begun to convert the building into hospital wards. The expansion also calls for added wards on lower floors of VA buildings.

Completion of painting, road grading, reseeding and other exterior work was forecast for June 15.

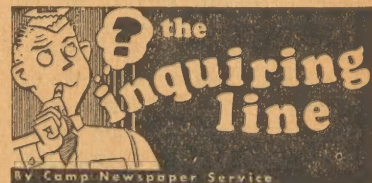
Expansion to a 2565-patient capacity will rank McGuire first among the four named general hospitals in Third Service Command. Of the authorized beds, 1,440 will bear neurosurgery patients, while 800 have been earmarked for amputees. The remaining number will be reserved for detachment, service command and emergency patients.

Monkeyshines

McGuire's laugh-provoking radio quiz show, "Monkeyshines at McGuire," takes over again Friday, 7 p.m. in the Red Cross auditorium, to be followed by "Keep Your Powder Dry," a movie starring Lana Turner and Laraine Day.

are held are also operated on wards for non-ambulatory patients.

A growing number of patients confined to wards have been finding USAFI courses a most valuable use of time.



Q. Is it true that command officers in the U. S. and in all theaters overseas now are entitled to wear a special insignia distinguishing them from officers who serve only in an executive capacity?

A. No, that is not true. Associated Press correspondents in the ETO have reported that command officers in that theater are wearing distinguishing insignia. This applies to those officers alone, however, and to no others at this time. The War Department has issued no ruling on this subject.

Q. Is the use of poison gas in warfare prohibited by any treaties or agreements between the nations now at war? Is the U.S. a signatory to any treaty or agreement prohibiting use of poison gas?

A. The U. S. is not a party to any existing pact or other agreement not to use gas. Great Britain and Germany ratified the 1925 Geneva protocol, the former with reservations. Germany also signed The Hague agreement of 1907 but ignored it by using gas in the first World War. Japan is not committed to any agreement.

Burma Nurses Honored

Washington (CNS)—The heroic service of 19 nurses of the Seagrave Unit in Burma during the early part of 1942 has been recognized by award of the Bronze Star Medal to each, the War Department has announced. One award was posthumous.



"WAIT TILL THE SUN SHINES NELLIE"—Pfc. Ed Watkins and Cpl. Charlie Coggins of Reconditioning Service sound off in close harmony following a fast tournament volleyball session.

WOWs Hold Volleyball Lead With Season's End In Sight

The WOWs remained the only undefeated team among four survivors in the intra-post volleyball tournament today as play neared the championship match scheduled for next Tuesday night at the gymnasium.

Although losing one game, the WOWs had little difficulty in winning its set from the Eager Beavers last Tuesday,

Umpires Needed For Intra-Mural Softball Leagues

Post personnel, with particular emphasis on patients, interested in umpiring softball games this summer, were urged today by Lt. John J. Berman, special services officer, to turn in their names at his office in the Administration Building.

Lt. Berman said it was planned to recruit a corps of umpires to officiate at games in the intra-mural leagues slated to open play next month. A short "school," including a review of 1945 rules, will be held for applicants.

Patients as yet physically unable to play softball but interested in participating as officials are asked to contact Lt. Berman immediately. Needed in addition to umpires are scorekeepers.

Quick Trial

London (CNS)—Lord Vansittart, a tough-minded Briton who has devoted much time and study to the problem of how to deal with defeated Germany, said only 2 factors need be considered in deciding the fate of war criminals—"the location of the gallows and the length of the drop."

—Buy War Bonds Now—

Post Theater

Week of Thursday, April 5. Shows start at 6:15 and 8:15 p. m. Sunday matinee 2 p. m. Patients not admitted to 8:15 shows.

THURSDAY—"Hotel Berlin," with Raymond Massey, Peter Lorre and Faye Emerson.

SATURDAY—"Dillinger," with Edmund Lowe, Lawrence Tierney.

SUNDAY—"A Royal Scandal," with Tallulah Bankhead, Charles Coburn, Anne Baxter.

TUESDAY—Double Feature. "Eve Knew Her Apples," with Anne Miller, William Wright; and "The Man Who Walked Alone," with Dave O'Brien, Kay Aldridge, Walter Catlett.

WEDNESDAY—"Bathing Beauty," a revival with Red Skelton, Esther Williams and Basil Rathbone.

Skelton Liked It!

Bouquets came to McGuire this week in a letter from Edna Skelton, business manager for Red Skelton who was hospitalized here in the course of a recent tour of army and navy posts.

Said her letter, in part, "... having heard such wonderful things (about McGuire) I just couldn't resist saying thanks from Red's mother and myself to all of you for your kindness to Red. Unofficially, he has become your number one press agent!"

The Nazis can point with pride to the increasing popularity of their country. Total strangers are crowding into the place from practically all directions.

Softball Generals In Top Richmond Loop

Major league softball will be on display for McGuire patients and personnel this summer with the Generals entered officially in the powerful "A" division of the Richmond Municipal League.

Organization of the team which will represent the hospital in Richmond softball circles got underway at a meeting last night, with practice due to start next Monday.

Crapo Named McGuirettes' Boss-Lady

Appointment of Lt. Clare M. Crapo as manager-coach of the McGuirettes softball team was announced today by Lt. John J. Berman, special services officer.

Lt. Crapo, who was named an outfielder on the all-star girls team selected in the Richmond Dixie league last summer, will play with the McGuirettes in addition to directing the team.

The McGuirettes have entered the four-team Rebel league, a division of last year's speedy Dixie league. Other entries in the division are Thalheimer's, Bellwood and OSCS, representing the Ordnance Depot at the fairgrounds.

Play in the loop will get under way Wednesday, May 9, with games scheduled each Wednesday night during the summer. The league will play a split season, with the championship to be determined at the conclusion of the second half.

The local entry will play its home games on the post. Other tilts will be played on Richmond park diamonds.

5000 Cigarettes Gift of Quiz Show

Five thousand cigarettes will be passed out to patients this week on the house.

The smokes represent a salute to McGuire from Bob Hawk's "Thanks to the Yanks" radio quiz show. Each week prizes of all losing contestants on the show are placed in a "duffel bag" and sent to a hospital for combat vets. McGuire's coast-to-coast salute was aired Monday of last week.

Pays to Advertise

Stoneham, Mass. (CNS)—Basil Trasker is 47, jobless, divorced and the father of three children. He advertised in a local newspaper for a wife, explaining that he was so busy minding his babies that he had no time to go a-wooing. Fifty women answered the ad, including grandmothers, school teachers, career girls and one Back Bay divorcee who said she had two cars and two country estates. Trasker hasn't made up his mind yet.

Stocks dropped when the Yanks crossed the Rhine. V-E Day doubtless will be celebrated by clouds of falling ticker tape and brokers.

IN STRONGER DIVISION

The Municipal League was split into two divisions this year, with the teams rated strongest entered in the "A" division and the weaker outfits playing in the "B" loop. Other entrants in the "A" group in addition to McGuire are Reynolds Metals, last year's champions; the Richmond Naval Training Station, Bellwood Officers and Bellwood Civilians. A sixth team is expected to join before competition opens.

McGuire will play its home games on a field at the post, according to Lt. John J. Berman, special services officer. Present plans call for construction of four fields which will be built in the near future under direction of the post engineer.

The Naval Training Station also will play home games at its base. Other league games will be played at either Byrd or Ponticello Parks, Lt. Berman said.

Practice sessions for the Generals, until a post field is readied for play, will be held at Ponticello Park several nights a week. Transportation for players will be provided.

SCHEDULE INCOMPLETE

A league schedule has not been completed, but Lt. Berman said it was his understanding teams would play each other twice. The season will be divided into two halves, with winners of each double round-robin playing each other in the late summer for the league championship. A similar plan will be followed in the "B" division, and the champions will meet each other for the Richmond city crown.

New uniforms, in the Medical Department's maroon and white colors, have been obtained. The team will be outfitted with maroon jerseys with white letters across the chest, white duck trousers and dark blue caps.

Fountain of Youth

U. S. 3d Army (CNS)—The 52-year-old German soldier captured in the Frankfurt suburbs may have been trying to crack a sardonic joke, but this is what he told an American Colonel who asked what a man his age was doing in the Army:

"I'm a member of the Hitler Youth."

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

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